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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 September 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-3 and 5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-3 and 5 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed September 25, 2007 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, the indicated allowability of previous claim 4 is withdrawn and a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Wiget in view of Rijhsinghani.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 3 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wiget et al. (US 2004/0030804) in view of Rijhsinghani (US 6,112,251).

1. Regarding claim 1, Wiget discloses a method for handling a broadcast packet in a gateway computer (fig. 1a; fig. 4; para. 5) that has an IPsec connection (fig. 2) to logical network segment (note: VPN) where broadcast packets are distributed (para. 51). IPsec inherently specifies what kinds of packets are acceptable for transmission over an IPsec connection (para. 49-50). The method comprising encapsulating the broadcast packet into an acceptable form (para. 51; fig. 2), and transmitting the packet to the logical network segment through the connection (para. 51).

2. However, Wiget does not disclose also transmitting data to unprotected connections. Rijhsinghani discloses providing a broadcast packet in secured and unsecured form (col. 10, line

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57 through col. 11, line 8; note: an encapsulated packet and an unencapsulated packet are sent). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to send data to an unsecured connection in the invention of Wiget in order to send data to secured and unsecured destinations as desired (i.e. members of a VLAN or VPN and non-members; Rijhsinghani, col. 10, lines 57-59).

3. Regarding claim 3, in Wiget a CPE device provides for a group of end stations (para. 22; para. 36) and receives a copy of the broadcast packet for the end stations (para. 44).

4. Regarding claim 5, in Wiget headers are added to the packet (fig. 2).

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wiget in view of Rijhsinghani as applied to claim 1 above, and in view of McTernan et al. (US 2001/0034788).

5. Wiget does not disclose duplicating broadcast packets. However, McTernan discloses duplicating packets (para. 41) to be sent to multiple destinations. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to duplicate an appropriate number broadcast packets in the invention of Wiget in order to provide multiple copies of the packet to subscribing users (McTernan, para. 41).

Conclusion

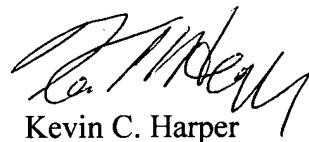
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin Harper whose telephone number is 571-272-3166. The examiner can normally be reached weekdays from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM ET.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynn Feild, can be reached at 571-272-2092. The centralized fax number for the

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Patent Office is 571-273-8300. For non-official communications, the examiner's personal fax number is 571-273-3166 and the examiner's e-mail address is kevin.harper@uspto.gov.

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